

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LT. GOVERNOR, JULIANA STRATTON
 Restore, Reinvest, and Renew Program Board (“R3PB”)
 Regular Meeting Minutes
 September 15th, 2021

A present majority of filled R3PB member positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. at least 16 members present			
Member		Attendance	
EX-OFFICIO	OFFICE	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton	Office of the Lt. Governor	x	
Sharisse Kimbro (designated by Attorney General Kwame Raoul)	Office of the Attorney General	x	
Vanessa Uribe (designated by Director Sylvia Garcia)	IL Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity	x	
Director Ngozi Ezike	IL Dept. of Public Health		x
Director Rob Jeffreys	IL Dept. of Corrections		x
Director Heidi Mueller	IL Dept. of Juvenile Justice	x	
Dagene Brown (designated by Director Marc Smith)	IL Dept. of Children and Family Services	x	
Director Delrice Adams	Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority	x	
Director Kristin Richards	IL Dept. of Employment Security	x	
Secretary Grace Hou	IL Dept. of Human Services	x	
Leader Kimberly Lightford	Majority Senate		x
Leader Jehan Gordon-Booth	Majority House	x	
Senator Jason Barickman	Minority Senate		x
Representative David Welter	Minority House		x
ELECTED OFFICIALS		PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Vacant			
Mayor of Rockford, Thomas McNamara (or designee Todd Cagnoni)		x	
Mayor of Champaign, Deborah Frank Feinen		x	
Mayor of Aurora, Richard Irvin		x	

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Vacant		
City Clerk of Chicago, Anna Valencia (or designee Ariana Garcia)	x	
Alderwoman Susan Sadlowski Garza	x	
Alderman Michael Scott, Jr.		x
COMMUNITY PROVIDERS	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Sylvia Puente	x	
Jalon Arthur		x
Donna Crowder	x	
Michael Hubbard		x
EXPERTS IN VIOLENCE REDUCTION	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Dr. David Olson	x	
Dr. Kathryn Bocanegra	x	
FORMERLY JUSTICE INVOLVED — OVER 24 YEARS OF AGE	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Bethany Little	x	
Marlon Chamberlain	x	
FORMERLY JUSTICE INVOLVED — 17-24 YEARS OF AGE	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Anthony Montoya	x	
Vacant		
PERSONS LIVING OR WORKING IN AN R3 AREA	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
April Curtis	x	
Pablo Mendoza	x	
Vacant		
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I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. Lt. Governor Stratton called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.
- b. Roll call was taken, and it was determined that quorum was established

II. Approval of the Agenda for 09/15/2021 and the Minutes from 06/24/21

- a. Approval of the Agenda for 09/15/21
 - i. Moved by Mayor McNamara
 - ii. Seconded by Mayor Irvin
 - iii. All in favor

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- iv. No opposition
- v. No abstentions
- b. Approval of the Minutes from 06/24/21
 - i. Moved by Mayor McNamara
 - ii. Seconded by Sharisse Kimbro
 - iii. All in favor
 - iv. No opposition
 - v. No abstentions

III. Chairperson’s Remarks

- a. Lt. Governor Stratton notes that there are three newly appointed R3PB members and that her team is accepting recommendations for candidates to consider for appointment to other R3PB vacancies
 - i. The following newly appointed R3PB members introduced themselves:
 - 1. Marlon Chamberlain
 - 2. Pablo Mendoza
 - 3. April Curtis
- b. Lt. Governor Stratton notes that both she and her team have had the opportunity to visit many of the organizations that received funds from the first round of R3 Program funding
 - i. Whitney Smith of Lawndale Christian Development Corporation (“LCDC”) presented on LCDC’s work and the impact of R3 Program funding on the work of this organization

IV. New Business

- a. Evaluation Update
 - i. Dr. Justin Escamilla of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (“ICJIA”)
 - 1. Program evaluation is a multi-year effort on the part of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
 - 2. Year 1 will include developing baselines and examining the process
 - a. Latest developments
 - i. Spoke twice with grantees about evaluations
 - ii. Negotiating with three research partners
 - iii. Working on a full one-year report
 - iv. Developed an evaluation timeline and a statutorily mandated R3 Program analysis is underway
 - b. Sylvia Puente:
 - i. What is the research question?
 - c. Dr. Escamilla:
 - i. We want to know how grantees’ programs were implemented and what activities were implemented with R3 Program funding
- b. Second-Round NOFO Update
 - i. NOFO Working Group update
 - 1. Acting Director Adams of ICJIA speaks about the intent of the R3 Program, notes that ICJIA intends to provide funds to organizations working on the issue areas noted in the *Illinois Cannabis Regulation and Tax Act*

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2. Acting Director Adams notes that there will be ~\$35 million available for new funding in the next fiscal year—this in addition to the existing funding for grantees from the first round of funding
 3. Acting Director Adams notes ICJIA wants to have a working group convene between the current R3PB meeting and the next board meeting, and wants R3PB members to participate in the Notice of Funding Opportunity (“NOFO”) Working Group
 4. **Motion:** Establish the R3 Program NOFO Working Group
 - a. Moved by Alderperson Garza
 - b. Seconded by Mayor McNamara
 - c. All (i.e. 22 members) in favor
 - d. No opposition
 - e. No abstentions
- ii. NOFO Fact Sheet Update
1. Mitchell Troup of ICJIA
 - a. R3 Program grant application reviewer positions are open to people living in R3 Eligible Areas
 - b. 2nd round NOFO
 - i. Noted the focus will be Planning & Capacity Building as well as Service Delivery funding
 - ii. Provided an overview of when the NOFO would become available and the performance period
 - iii. Noted that new grants will run simultaneously to the 1st-round grants (for grantees who will receive extending grants)
 - iv. Equity considerations
 1. Incorporated in the merit-based review and clearly identified in the NOFO
 2. Included will be three tiers of competition (so smaller organizations, per budget, aren’t in competition with larger organizations)
 3. Enhanced technical assistance and statewide outreach plan
 2. Clerk Valencia:
 - a. Has this tier option been used before in other types of funding for grants? I like this idea a lot—just wondering if we have seen it used before. Also, in terms of the extra points for the “equity score criteria,” I like this in theory, but it seems a bit vague. How many diverse board members/managers/directors in the organizations qualify for receiving extra equity points? I think that needs to be narrowed down a bit
 - b. Acting Director Adams:
 - i. We are innovators and we integrated this into the equity scoring process for the R3 Program. The NOFO Working Group will help fine-tune the NOFO and the equity components of the NOFO. As it relates to board members and the diversity component, this is a rubric score: folks got points if and when they meet certain criteria noted in the

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NOFO. We believe there is room to be more detailed and intentional about how the scoring takes place

3. Vanessa Uribe:

a. What does the grant application technical assistant look like?

i. Mitchell Troup:

1. It has a few pieces:

- a. The statewide recipe for grant success (this takes folks from beginning to end for everything they need to do to qualify for grant funding)
- b. The NOFO itself will have some live webinars that will also be recorded. We will discuss the specifics of the NOFO that might not be covered in the grant application. The recorded sessions will be posted on YouTube
- c. We also accept questions for the entire period that the NOFO is live, except for the last week of the NOFO being live

ii. Lt. Governor Stratton:

1. I think this is critical. This capacity building piece is necessary as many organization don't often feel like they have the capacity to do the work that they need to do

4. Sylvia Puente:

a. Can you elaborate on the equity scoring? Will those that did not get funding during the first round get feedback on their applications?

i. Acting Director Adams:

1. There will be an opportunity for organizations to go through an appeal and a debrief process. We will be transparent in offering this to anyone who is not awarded

ii. Sylvia Puente:

1. I should clarify that my questions are in regards to the first round of funding

iii. Acting Director Adams:

1. We provided this. If folks have not received it, then folks can reach out to ICJIA

iv. Charisse Williams of ICJIA:

1. Regarding Sylvia's first question, we're being intentional regarding equity scoring by noting it upfront so that more weight is (hopefully, placed on equity within applications and) placed on equity within the scoring process

5. Pablo Mendoza:

a. How are we addressing language barriers during these technical assistance recordings?

i. Charisse Williams:

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1. We take this seriously. We hired a bilingual R3 Program Manager. We do have Spanish resources inhouse and if it’s another language, we do have resources to outsource this to
6. **Motion:** Accept the fact sheet and grant ICJIA the permission to draft the NOFO based on the terms indicated
 - a. Moved by Mayor McNamara
 - b. Seconded by Vanessa Uribe
 - c. All (i.e. 19 members) in favor
 - i. Leader Gordon-Booth, Mayor Irvin, and Alderperson Garza each had to depart the meeting prior to this motion occurring
 - d. No opposition
 - e. No abstentions

V. Member Updates

- a. Mayor McNamara:
 - i. Roughly over \$70 million will be on the street by the end of the second round of funding (this figure includes both the first round of funding, summer violence response funding, and the second round of funding). This is really great. It’s a lot of work and imperfect at times, but it’s making an impact in Rockford

VI. Public Comments

- a. No public comments provided

VII. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn moved by Mayor McNamara at
- b. Seconded by Clerk Valencia